

Amendment 941 has been moved from the subject of Housing to the subject of Economic Development.

Amendments from Transitional Assistance: 51, 131, 189, 195, 196, 199, 297, 308, 344, 373, 481, 736, 875, 876, 951, 985, 1008, 1049, 1231, and 1265

Amendments from Housing: 21, 41, 42, 77, 100, 102, 182, 194, 221, 225, 255, 257, 286, 292, 303, 311, 319, 371, 421, 466, 504, 506, 513, 665, 673, 689, 762, 855, 860, 864, 867, 952, 1046, 1051, 1052, 1118, 1164, 1166, 1167, 1204, 1210, 1220, 1268, 1276, and 1279

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop and others hereby move to amend H. 4000 in section 2, in item 4403-2000, by inserting at the end thereof the following:—

“provided further, that not less than \$418,074 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the Transportation Assistance Program operated by the Traveler's Aid Society; and provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for the Lift Transportation Program operated by the Traveler's Aid Society of Boston”

And hereby further amend said item by striking out the figures “\$312,450,771” and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— “\$312,963,845”

And hereby move to amend the bill in section 2, by striking out line item 4403-2120 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

4403-2120 For certain expenses of the emergency assistance program as herein delineated: (i) contracted family shelters; (ii) transitional housing programs; (iii) residential education centers for single mothers with children; (iv) intake centers; and (v) voucher shelters; provided, that eligibility shall be limited to families with income at or below 100 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided, however, that any family whose income exceeds 100 per cent of the federal poverty level while the family is receiving assistance funded by this item, shall not become ineligible for assistance due to exceeding the income limit for a period of 6 months from the date that the 100 per cent level was exceeded; provided further, that the department shall establish reasonable requirements for such families to escrow some or all of the portion of their income which exceeds 100 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided further, that any such escrowed funds shall be exempt from otherwise applicable asset limits; provided further, that the family shall be allowed to withdraw the amount placed in escrow upon transition to permanent housing or losing eligibility for shelter services; provided further, that benefits under this item shall be provided only to residents who are citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing under color of law in the United States; provided further, that the

department shall take all steps necessary to enforce regulations to prevent abuse in the emergency assistance program; provided further, that no emergency assistance expenditures shall be paid from this item unless explicitly authorized; provided further, that no funds may be expended for heat or utility arrearages; provided further, that eligible households shall be placed in shelters as close as possible to their home community, unless a household requests otherwise; provided further, if the closest available placement is not within 20 miles of the household's home community, the household shall be transferred to an appropriate shelter within 20 miles of its home community at the earliest possible date, unless the household requests otherwise; provided further, that the department shall make every effort to insure that children receiving services from this item are able to continue attending school in the community in which they lived prior to receiving services funded from this item; provided further, that in promulgating, amending or rescinding regulations with respect to eligibility or benefits under this program, the department shall take into account the amounts available to it for expenditure in this item so as not to exceed the amount appropriated herein; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 30 days before promulgating any such eligibility or benefit changes, the commissioner shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means and with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate a determination by the secretary of health and human services that available appropriations for the program will be insufficient to meet projected expenses and a report setting forth such proposed changes; provided further, that nothing herein shall give rise to or shall be construed as giving rise to enforceable legal rights in any party or an enforceable entitlement to services other than to the extent that such rights or entitlements exist under the regulations promulgated by the department; provided further, that nothing in the preceding proviso shall authorize the department to alter eligibility criteria or benefit levels, except to the extent that such changes are needed to avoid a deficiency in this item; provided further, that the department shall report quarterly to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of families who apply for emergency assistance funded family shelter, the number of families approved for shelter, the number of families denied shelter along with reasons for denials, the home community of families receiving shelter, the number of families receiving shelter within each home community, the number of available shelter slots within each home community, the income level of families receiving shelter, the number of families receiving shelter who had previously accessed state-funded programs to reduce homelessness and the programs that had been accessed, the composition of families receiving shelter, the reason that the household is seeking emergency family shelter, the reasons that families exit shelter, including reasons for voluntary departure and termination, exiting families' housing plans, including type of housing arrangement, subsidy status, monthly rent, and gross monthly income, and any other

information that the department determines to be necessary in evaluating the operation of the emergency assistance family shelters program; provided further, that the report shall also include information, by type of shelter, on average length of stay, average cost per household served, average number of shelter slots not used either as the result of no placement being made or of a placed family not making use of shelter, and an analysis of this data, including an analysis of causes relating to any significant differences in the data for each type of shelter; and provided further, that as of January 1, 2006, eligibility for said services shall be made available to families whose income does not exceed 130 percent of federal poverty level.....\$72,647,326

And move further to amend the bill in section 2, by striking out line item 4406-3000 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

4406-3000 For the homelessness program to assist individuals who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, including assistance to organizations which provide food, shelter, housing search and limited related services to the homeless and indigent; provided, that the department may allocate funds to other agencies for the purposes of this program; and provided further, that of the amount appropriated herein, \$34,000,000 shall be allocated to organizations that received funds from this item in fiscal year 2005 at the pro-rated rate\$35,000,000

And move further to amend the bill in section 2, by striking out line item 1599-4408 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

1599-4408 For a reserve for costs incurred to comply with the provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-193), or any successor federal statute, including but not limited to, state work participation requirements, subsequent to the expiration of the commonwealth's federal welfare waiver on September 30, 2005, or with any additional costs or requirements imposed as a result of any legislation enacted by the General Court subsequent to reauthorization of the federal temporary aid for needy families block grant; provided, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be made available to the department of transitional assistance for additional services in item 4401-1000, the employment services program, so-called, administered within said department; provided further, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be made available to the department of early education and care for additional child care vouchers and contracts, according to the provisions of item 3000-4050 and for the administration of said vouchers and contracts by child care resource and referral agencies, according to the provisions of item 3000-2000; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance, the commissioner of the department of transitional assistance and the commissioner of

the department of early education and care, shall, not later than January 15, 2006, jointly issue a preliminary report, and not later than April 1, 2006, issue a final report on planned expenditures from this item, on any federal actions impacting the state transitional assistance program, and on any legislative proposals the department may recommend in response to said actions; provided further, that, if said reports include legislative or administrative recommendations in response to federal actions, said reports shall include a description of all new requirements proposed to be imposed on recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children as a result of federal actions, an analysis of the individuals proposed to be subject to work requirements as a result of said actions, including an analysis of which individuals may reasonably be expected to obtain employment with proper assistance and which require an alternative plan or strategy for achieving self-sufficiency, and a detailed plan for addressing the needs of any recipient who would be subject to work requirements under such proposal; provided further, that said reports shall be provided to the chairs of the house and senate ways and means committees, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on children and families and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education; provided further, that nothing in the foregoing authorizes the department of transitional assistance to impose rules or requirements that are not authorized by section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995, as previously or hereafter amended.....\$12,000,000

and move to further amend the bill by striking out line item 7004-0099 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

7004-0099 For the operation of the department of housing and community development; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department may make expenditures for the purposes of the department against federal grants for certain direct and indirect costs pursuant to a cost overhead allocation plan approved by the comptroller; provided further, that the comptroller shall maintain an account on the Massachusetts management accounting and reporting system for the purpose of making such expenditures; provided further, that expenditures made against the account shall not be subject to appropriation and may include the cost of personnel; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the department of housing and community development may conduct annual verifications of household income levels based upon state tax returns for the purposes of administering the state and federal housing subsidy programs funded in items 7004-9005, 7004-9009, 7004-9014, 7004-9019, 7004-9020, 7004-9024, 7004-9030 and 7004-9033; provided further, that as a condition of eligibility or continued occupancy by an applicant or a tenant, said department may require disclosure of the social security number of an applicant or tenant and members of such applicant's or tenant's household for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that

said department may deny or terminate participation in subsidy programs for failure by an applicant or a tenant to provide a social security number for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that said department may also consult with the department of revenue, the department of transitional assistance or any other state or federal agency which it deems necessary to conduct such income verification; provided further, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, such state agencies shall consult and cooperate with said department and furnish any information in the possession of said agencies including, but not limited to, tax returns and applications for public assistance or financial aid; provided further, that for the purposes of conducting such income verification, the director of said department may enter into an interdepartmental service agreement with the commissioner of revenue to utilize the department of revenue's wage reporting and bank match system for the purpose of verifying the income and eligibility of participants in such federally assisted housing programs and that of members of the participants' households; and provided further, that for the purposes of clarification only, notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 of chapter 490 of the acts of 1980, said department may authorize neighborhood housing services corporations to retain, re-assign, and reloan funds received in repayment of loans made pursuant to the neighborhood housing services rehabilitation program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Hungry Hill Development Corporation in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Turning Point Day Resource Center for the Homeless in the town of Wareham; provided further that \$25,000 shall be expended for the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation continued operation of a grant program to enhance housing quality standards; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for the continued operation of computer technology centers at the Commonwealth Housing Development, the Jackson Mann Community Center and the Power Up Center at Brighton High School; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Pleasant Street Neighborhood Network Center in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 be expended for Neighbors in Need in Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Brightwood Development; provided, that \$250,000 shall be granted to the town of North Reading for the costs of the economic development of property off Elm Street commonly known as the Smith Farm and shown on North Reading assessors maps as map 62 lot 78, map 62 lot 38, map 75 lot 08 and map 76 lot 17; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be made available to the town of Reading for the upgrade, renovation, repair or installation of technology equipment and infrastructure for the use of municipal government; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for the Boston Housing Authority for a program to provide certain tenant services for the West Broadway Task Force;; provided further, that funds

appropriated herein shall be obligated for expenditure by the West Broadway Task Force for the purposes of tenant services provided by said Task Force; provided further provided, that funds appropriated herein shall not be expended by the Boston Housing Authority for discretionary purposes; provided further, that not less than \$53,000 be expended for Food for the World Pantry; provided further that \$61,200 shall be expended for the Worcester Housing Authority for a resident services employment coordinator; provided further, that the amount of \$100,000 shall be expended for the Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.,; provided further that not less than \$25,000 be expended for Marlborough Community Development Corporation; and providing further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for one staff position for the Beverly Affordable Housing Coalition\$7,964,992

And move to further amend bill in said section 2 by striking out line item 7004-3036 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

7004-3036 For housing services and counseling; provided, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended as grants for the operation of 9 regional housing consumer education centers operated by the regional nonprofit housing authorities; provided further, that the grants shall be through a competitive application process pursuant to criteria created by the department; and provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item in the AA object class, so-called, for the compensation of state employees; provided further, that not less than \$80,925 shall be expended for the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance Inc. Donations Clearinghouse Program; and provided further, that not less than \$141,000 shall be expended for the Just A Start Corporation to administer a housing stabilization and conflict management services program to prevent homelessness\$1,221,925

And move to further amend bill in said section 2, in item 7004-9005, by striking out the figures "\$31,315,669" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$34,871,170".

And move to further amended said section 2, in item 7004-9316, by striking out the figures "\$2,500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$3,000,000"